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Dennis L. Lauper

From The Publisher's Notebook

HISTORY REPEATS

Recently "there went out a decree from 'Salt Lake' that all the world (Mormon) should" **worship for 1½ hours each Sacrament Meeting.** This edict created something of a stir among the faithful who had come to believe that their meetings should be no longer than a good hour TV spectacular, without commercials.

In recognition of the above sentiment, we did a little research on the subject and amazedly found that historically sacrament meeting sometimes lasted all night. In Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 20 we read where Paul was the main speaker one Sunday nite in Troas where they met in an upstairs room "with many lights". Since the Apostle was to continue his journey the next day, he apparently had a great deal to say "and continued his speech until midnight."

People had difficulty paying attention and keeping alert in those days, the same as now, for according to the story, a young man named Eutychus fell into a deep sleep and then lost his balance and fell three stories out of the window. His friends went down to check on him and then came back up to the meeting to tell Paul that Eutychus was dead. Undaunted the Apostle administered to him "and brought the young man alive", then they went back up again and administered the Sacrament a second time after which Paul talked until day break. Wow! Let's be happy with an hour and a half meeting.

YOUTH CONVENTIONS

For two successive years the youth of the several stakes comprising the Walnut Creek Region of the Church have held three day conferences. These events have proven to be rich and memorable experiences in both the social and spiritual areas of their lives. They have leased the facilities of the St. Mary's College in Moraga where they live for the three days and hold various workshops, athletic events, dances, musical programs and unique "Home Evenings" and testimony meetings.

This year the Oakland

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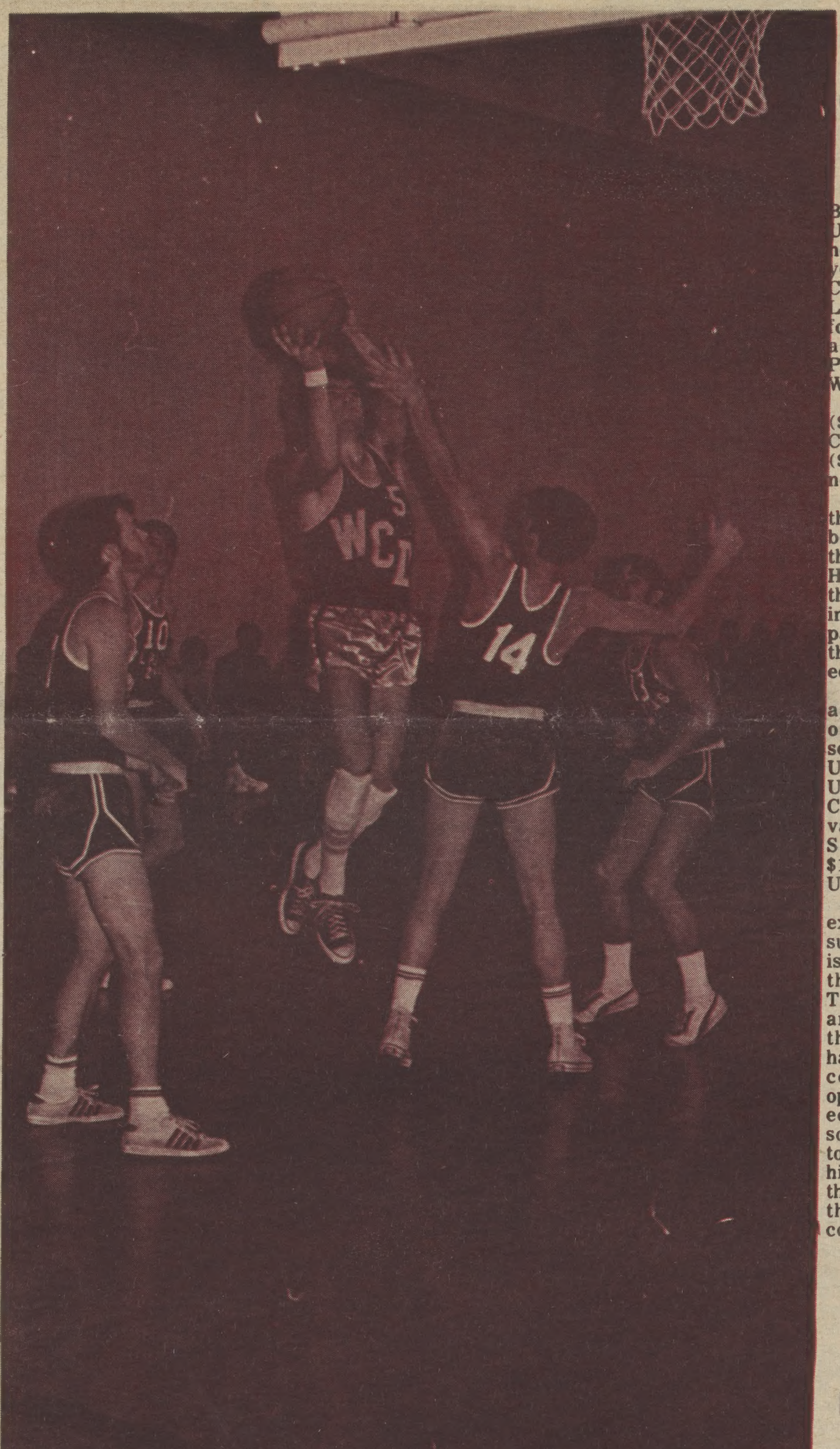


There was plenty of action during the region and zone basketball championships. Shown above is Brad Magleby (5) scoring a basket for Walnut Creek II Ward. George Montanard (14) of Milpitas II Ward attempts to block the shot and three teammates await the results.
See story on page 6.

BYU Tuition Goes Up

FROM UNIVERSITY NEWS SERVICE

Tuition and fees at Brigham Young University will be raised next September to $600 a year for members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and $900 for nonmembers, it was announced today by President Ernest L. Wilkinson.

The current rate is $500 ($250 per semester) for Church members and $750 ($375 per semester) for nonmembers.

President Wilkinson said the increase is necessary because of rising costs in the University's operation. He pointed out, however, that even with next year's increase a student will be paying only about one-third of the cost of his own education.

By contrast he called attention to current fees of other large private schools, such as Stanford University with $2,610; University of Southern California, $1,950; Harvard, $2,600; Yale, $2,550; Southern Methodist, $1,600; St. Louis University $1,750.

President Wilkinson explained that the major support of the University is paid from the tithes of the LDS Church. Therefore, students who are Church members, or their families, already have made a monetary contribution to the operation of the school. To equalize this burden somewhat it is necessary to charge nonmembers a higher tuition, although that still does not cover their total educational costs.

Magazines Offered

We received this letter recently from W.T. Hicken, 763 Keeler Ave., Berkeley:

"Sir...I have 30 years of Improvement Era and Relief Society magazines, complete in most cases. I would like to give them to some new Stake or Ward who would like them. They are unbound. If no Stake or Ward is interested, I will be interested in giving them to individuals. If interested, phone 524-5520."

Jaycees Honor Richard King

Richard King of San Lorenzo Second Ward, San Leandro Stake, was honored by the San Leandro Junior Chamber of Commerce on January 19th at the Blue Dolphin restaurant, after having been nominated by the Junior Chamber for the Distinguished Service Award as one of the outstanding young men of the year.

Cited for his leadership and contributions to the community, the noted Bay Area lawyer, educator, entertainer, civic leader and church fund raiser was honored at a banquet attended by several hundred Bay Area Civic leaders.

Elder Marc Lauper of the San Leandro Stake High Council was one of the leaders in the movement to nominate Brother King, and letters were received from many citizens, some of which were read at the dinner.

The citation noted the professional accomplishments of the young attorney, listing him as a member of the Alameda and Southern Alameda County Bar Association, the California Bar Association, the State Bar of California,-the Utah State Bar, the San Francisco Bar Association, the Barristers Club of San Francisco, the American Bar Association, the California Trial Lawyers Association, the U.C. Law School Association, and Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity.

He has long been active in the drug abuse prevention programs of Alameda County, and in 1970 talked at many seminars on teen-agers and drugs. He also delivered his famed "Thunder on the Left" address to 43 different organizations in 1970, discussing the revolutionary tactics and riots on college campuses. He raised thousands of dollars in funds for Lutheran, Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian and Mormon Churches throughout the Western U.S., singing and speaking to audiences of youth and parents both.

He will address some 600 LDSSA Youth in San Jose on February 7th; some 1,000 Laurel girls in Los Angeles on March 23, and a major drug- abuse seminar for the Catholic Curch in April. A former teacher of both law and English at B.Y.U. and a former seminary instructor, Brother King presently teaches a law seminar on Monday nights for the San Lorenzo Adult School.

He is an active Rotarian and in 1970 was Chairman of the Rotary Campaign which brought the U.S. Marine Band to the Chabot College Auditorium. These concerts raised several thousand dollars for the Rotary Youth Fund.

The citation noted Brother King's membership in the East Bay Court of Chevalier, Board of Directors for San Lorenzo's Boy's Club, Board of Directors for Woodminster Amphitheater, California Club, U.C. Order of Golden Bear, Commonwealth Club of Calif., Broadmoor Men's Club, San Lorenzo Rotary Club, Lambda Delta Sigma, National Council of Teachers of English, and Association the U.S. Army. It listed his activities in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and noted his "Bay Area Citizen" Award of 1965.

It concluded with: "Richard King has been listed in "Who's Who in the West" since 1965. One of the letters read at the banquet said: "Mr. King is sincere, motivated, dynamic and in short, simply tremendous! We enthusiastically nominate him as the outstanding Young Man of the Year!"

RICHARD KING

Justin Lowder's Piano Talent Makes Him A Winner

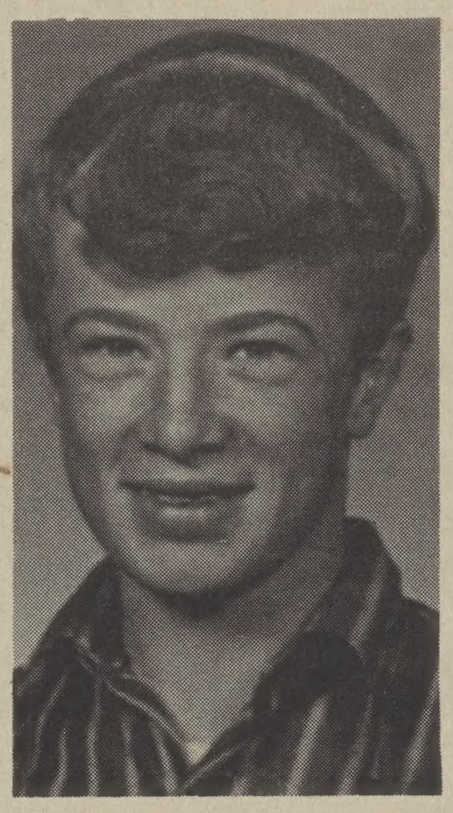
By Boots Barrus

Justin Lowder, 14 year old pianist-Scout from Ygnacio Valley, was declared winner of the Stake MIA Young Artist Festival. His performance was taped and submitted Salt Lake for a possible bid to the June Conference Festival. Justin was born Feb. 17, 1957, in Ogden, Utah and began his musical career at the age of 8 in San Jose, Calif. The finally moved to Concord when he was nine and he began his studies with Vienna Morgan in Walunt Creek. His natural expression, phrasing, and piano technique make him an exceptionally promising young musician.

Each year Justin has received honors for his music, thus far receiving a cash award from the Civic Arts Junior Music Festival, sponsored by the Civic Arts of W.C. Last year he won first place in the Jr. Division of Music Teachers Assn. Honor Recital. He has received a 1 rating at the C.M.E.A. Solo and Ensemble Festival. An Eight grade student at Oakgrove Intermediate School, he plays the trombone and clarinet and recently played percussion and piano with the Mt. Diablo Intermediate School District Honor Orchestra. He serves as pianist for their school stage band and received a 1 rating at the C.M.E.A. Stage Band Festival.

An"A" student, he also is Senior Patrol Leader in Scouting holding a Star Rank.He holdsthe office of Teacher and has earnened all Priesthood awards to date. He is also Junior Primary Organist for the Oakgrove Second Ward in Concord Stake.

Concord Stake is proud to submit Justin to represent the youth of this area.



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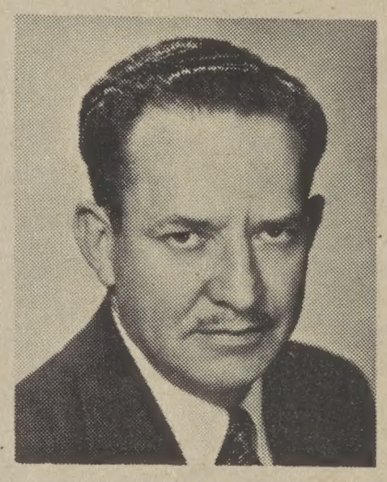

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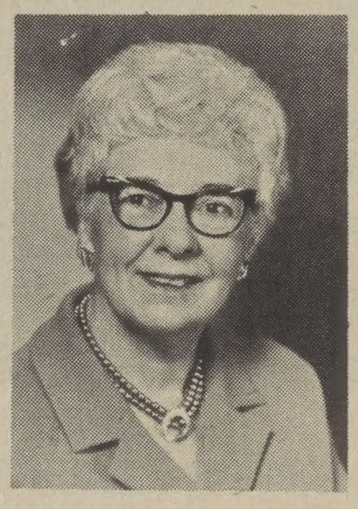

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Church Building Progresses

LAST BEAM of new, 28-story Church office building in downtown Salt Lake was swung in place February 5th.

Last top beam of the 28-story Church Office Building in downtown Salt Lake City was swung into place Friday (Feb. 5) at 1 p.m.

The brief topping-off ceremony saw a flag-bedecked steel beam hoisted to a top story level and secured in place, marking completion of the steel work for the $31.5 million building.

Work on the Office Building is right on schedule, according to Mark B. Garff, chairman of the Church Building. Committee. Completion date is scheduled for July of 1972. Work started in August, 1969.

Prime contractor is Christiansen Brothers and W. C. Clyde Company. Structural engineer is George S. Nelson. Architect is George Cannon Young. Project architect is Richard W. Young. Laupers Furniture, in San Leandro, is carpeting the building.

The thousands of tons of steel used in the construction came to Salt Lake City's highest building via a unique round-about route. Much of the steel originated in the Chicago area, traveling by water carrier down the Mississippi River, across the Gulf of Mexico, through the Panama Canal and up the West Coast to Portland, Oregon, where it was fabricated for the S.L.C. building. Then it was shipped by rail to Salt Lake City and hoisted to its proper position in the building. Steel from U.S. Steel's Geneva Works was shipped from Provo to Portland for fabrication, and then being sent back to the Utah Capital.

Mysterious Road Show In Daly City

By Corinne N. O'Neal

First of all there was the awareness of a knotted cluster of young people silently contemplating, of all things! the stage at the San Francisco Stake House.

And then your attention is drawn to a bunching of young ladies, excitedly talking and gesturing, of all things! over some yardage-all six yards of it! There was something about....hats.

Then you swish around the corner into the Activity Room and bump into a third group. This is too much. You overhear the expression "everything original".

Curiosity is too predominate. "What's up?" you ask.

"Oh.....we're just planning....."

"Planning what?" (Never give up when curiosity is this strong!)

"Well....we're planning our Roadshow".

"Could you tell me something about it so I can incorporate it in my report to THE MESSENGER&"

"Well.....".

"It's kinda a secret...it's competitive, you know."

Not to be dissuaded you pursue. "How many are in the Show?"

Silence.

"Well...say more than 40?"

"No, not that many."

"Shall we say...less than 35?"

"Well...no".

"Well.....say....more than 40?" "No, not that many." "Shall we say....less than 35?" "Well.....no".

"What does "everything original" mean?"

Hesitantly came the replay, "Just what it says...."

"You mean the costumes and scenery?"

"We mean everything...costumes, scenery, the play, music...everything!"

"Golly....that's neat....real neat!" (You roll a little from a punch of that magnitude).

Then your next question released the conspirators from the discipline of their secret. Their enthusiasm and joy burst forth with spontaneous scattoco replies, forgetting completely their previous hushed and cautious answers.

"How about help.....-need any?"

"Oh! everyone has been wonderful...."

"Our local merchants have assisted us...."

"The Relief Society women are sewing the costumes....."

"Why.....some of the community schools have donated equipment....."

"But", you interject, "when do you have time to rehearse?"

"Oh! we give up our spare time. We rehearse each day!"

And this is how Roadshows are born...first the incentive, the originality of ideas, the desire to create, take active participation, become a part of the team...and still continue with the self-discipline of daily responsibilities, in the spirit of sharing a united, fun, creative effort.

As you continue on your way you are thinking, "How sweet it is to be young and enthusiastic!" Then you become quite serious in your thoughts, "Thank you, Father, for the restoration of your Church. You know and understand so completely the needs of your children....."

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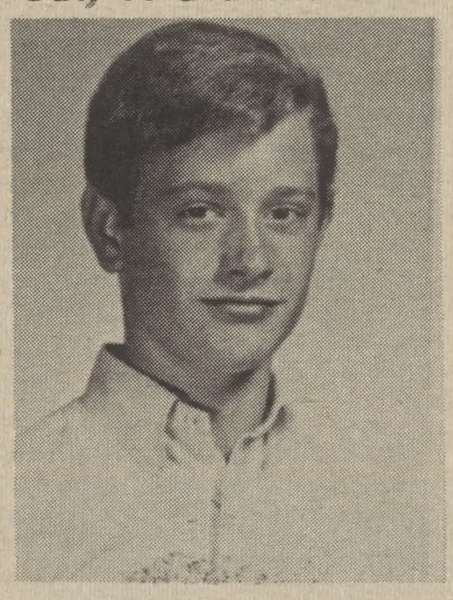
John Kuhre Receives Duty To God Award



JOHN NEWELL KUHRE

John Newell Kuhre recently received his Duty to God Award. John is active in the Priests Quorum of the El Cerrito ward.

He was formerly president of the Deacons and Teachers Quorum and also is an Eagle Scout. He is an "A" student at El Cerrito High School where he is a member of the California Scholarship Federation, the El Cerrito High School Swim team and the stagecraft crew.

This summer John is planning to tour Europe on a cultural and historical study trip with a group of students.

He is the son of Calvin and Rona Kuhre. His father is first counselor in the bishopric.

Mt. Diablo Camp Of DUP Meets

February meetings of the Mt. Diablo Camp of the D.U.P. was held at the home of Trudy Fountain in Pittsburg on the evening of February 16 with Capt. Twyla Caldwell conducting. Reading of the minutes was by Suzanne Moffett and an opening song led by Camp Chorister, Boots Barrus.

Sis. Barrus gave the history of her Great Grandfather, Edwin Whiting, followed by the lesson of the Nauvoo Legion by Fern Pike, Stake R.S. President. Historical events and family ancestors were discussed by all and refreshments were served by the hostess to Twyla Caldwell, Afton King, Evelyn Taylor, Susanne Moffett, Joyce Seely, Barbara Hollingshead, Nelma Kersey, Elaine Lowder and her mother Sis. Barker, Fern Pike and Boots Barrus.

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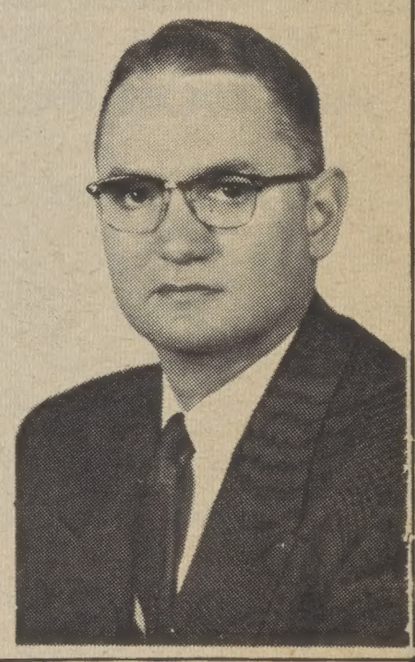

Close to Home

The Ward News In Review

Pittsburg

By Boots Barrus

A crowd of Pittsburg Ward members and their friends gathered in the Chapel on the evening of February 2nd to witness and enjoy one of the most inspirational evenings of the M.I.A. year. Under the direction of Sis. Elva Johnson, Music Conductor, Gary Johnson and Laura Maceus, accompanists, the young artists displayed poise and talent as they performed their selections of semi and classical music by the masters. Many hours and weeks of preparation culminated in their renditions. An M.I.A. chorus presented 2 selections followed by a clarinet duet, "Brayer Song" by Janice Hoagland and Linda Phillips; "Spring Impromptu," a piano solo by Kevin Johnson; vocal duet "Edelweiss" sung by Tracy Budge, Kim Morrison, Delona Peterson and Nancy Richardson. Kevin and Donald Neves performed on their brass instruments in the trumpet family with their rendition of "An Angel From On High"; an outstanding piano solo "Bach 13-2 Part Invention" by Tracy Budge; and piano solos "Sonantina Opus 55 No. 1" by Jolyn Morrison and "Hungarian Rhapsodie No. 2" by Gary Johnson. Special Guest Artists were Janet, Jim and Joyce Anderson from the Ygnacio Valley Ward as they played a violin, viola and piano trio of "Brahms Hungarian Dance in G Minor" and "Mendelssohn's 2nd Movement Andante Commoto Tranquillo."

At the concert's conclusion the guests and friends were invited into the Cultural Hall to view an exhibit by ward youth and adult members. Refreshments under the direction of Elna Bennet were served. Special guests Jean Paquette, Cathy Wright and Hillview Jr. High Teacher, Mrs. Gilliam, served as judges with the result of the selection being the trumpet duet by Kevin Johnson and Donald Neves. Kevin and Donald will participate in the coming State Festival.

Receiving Priesthood Awards for the past year's work were Floyd Davidson, Kevin Johnson, Bernard J. Phillips, Jon C. Muceus. Stanford Magleby and Gary L. Johnson. Presented by Bishop Charlie Peters these young men received congratulations on their outstanding achievements in the Priesthood and M.I.A. work.

With regret the ward bade farewell to the Olyde Harris family who have moved to the East due to a promotion in Bro. Harri's work. For the past 8 years they have served in many capacities in the Ward and will be much missed. Bro. Harris served as a Stake Missionary and Teacher in the Sunday School and Sis. Annette at the time of leaving was the Jr. S.S. Chorister, teacher in the R.S., and Counselor in the Primary.

The Young MARRIED'S Group gathered in the Relief Society room in a special fireside and presented a gift of church literature and a gift of love through expressions of what they meant to members of the Ward. Refreshments were served to all who gathered to pay their respects to this fine family.

Mission

By Leonard W. Cryer

Mission Ward Conference was held on February 14, 1971, also the day the world associates with love, Valentine's Day.

Stake and ward leaders, and youth speakers, Michael Thronbrough and Della Wright, talked on the conference theme: "Enter ye in at the strait gate", (Matt. 7:13-14).

At the priesthood session, music was provided by a quartet, F. Afatasi, Muliau Afuvai, Anthony Teo, and a visitor from New Zealand. Sese Teo was the accompaniest.

William and Donna Mae Thomas with Kathleen Larsen accompanist, sang at the Sunday School session. The Mission Ward Choir, Sharon Hunter, Director, Kathleen Larsen, Organist, provided special musical numbers at the evening session.

Sustained were: Bishop H.D. Raub, Counselors, R.G. Schwendinger and G.L. Hunter; wd. Clk. J. Cappel, Asst. Wd. Clk. L. West; Exec. Sec. L.W. Cryer; Gen Sec.-Youth, Arthur G. Libby; Gen. Sec.-Adult, F.L. Yost; R.S. Pres. Mae S. Hunter, new 1st Counselor, Edna S. Peterson, 2nd Counselor, Violet Breitenbeucher, and Sec. L. Hilder; new S.S. Supt. Muliau P. Afuvai, 1st asst. A. Roesberry, and Sec. Vera Fergurson; new Y.M.-M.I.A. Supt. Arthru G. Libby, new Y.W.M.I.A. Pres. Eleanor S. Laws and Sec. Beatrice Otman; and Primary Pres. Lucinda Wright, counselors, Patricia Taylor and Linda Janda, and Sec. Myrtle Nelson.

Recent changes are Daniel L. Carson, stake missionary, who was ordained a 70; and former 70, James R. Johnson, Sr., ordained High Priest, and new High Priest Group Leader for the ward.

Dollie Lambson was recently called to be a teacher in the Jr. S.S. and Y.W.M.I.A.

Dublin

By Aty Clyde

The Dublin Ward is really in the middle of revisions. Not only is our meeting place now in the neighboring Danville Ward chapel, but changes have occurred in our Bishopric. Released was Bishop Ed Hankins whom all Dubliners have learned to love. In his stead was placed Ralph J. Lauper who is well known and respected in our ward and the whole Bay area. Our teenagers lost their seminary teacher when Brother Lauper became Bishop but he certainly has not lost them. He'll get the chance to work even more closely with our vivacious group of teens and have the burdens and blessings of all the "older generation" too. Bishop Lauper retained counselors Alan McFadden and Robert Smellie as well as our hard-working ward clerks.

With Bishop Lauper's new assignment the sisters lost their industrious Relief Society President, Jane Lauper, who will now become an official telephone answering service. Also released was one of her counselors Shirley Pielstick, Linda Blount, the other counselor, will now fill sister Lauper's shoes with the assistance of Kaye Dougal and Beverly C. Lake as her counselors. Linda'sfamily will miss her for hours at a time, but we'll be thankful for their sacrifices and their willingness to share her with all of us.

We have another set of new parents in the Ward too. The Kent Bothelo's might have waited a long time for their first baby, but all 9 lbs 13 oz. of her is filling their home with excitement. The Wesley Greens added a baby boy to their family. Their four other children are surely excited about him. A little boy was also born to the Craig Lesters--2 months early! But he's doing very well and is now home with his family.

The Aaronic Priesthood re-organization according to the direction of our Prophet saw Richard J Leonard placed as General Aaronic Priesthood Scrretary and Superintendant of the YMMIA, with C. Willard LeFevre and Steven C. Lake as his assistants and H. Leon Clyde as Assistant SECRETARY.

All the members of the ward are breathing a little easier now and are again willing to answer their telephone now tha the first-of-the-year inventories are finished. We present aepecial bouquet to all those who willingly spent their time and donated their earnings toward our soon- to-be new chapel. Afew bricks.

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Fremont

By Dorothy A. Spoon

FREMONT WARD-member Elder Donald Beck, Jr., son of Brother Donald and Sister Laurene Beck of 38329 Bronson Street, Fremont, completed his twenty-seven (27) months in the Austrian Mission. His last assignment was serving in the capacity of an Assistant to the Austrian Mission Presidency, working with all the Elders in the entire Austrian Mission. Architecture is the field in which Don plans to continue his studies. He has had one year at San Jose State to which he may return before going to Cal State Polytech at San Luis Obispo for his degree. Don is the eldest son of a family of five boys and two girls, and his arrival home the 18th of December made Christmas a week early, as it was the nicest Christmas gift for the family, having Don home again.

Elder Glenn Nelson completed his two (2) years in the Phillippine Mission Field the 20th of October 1970. His last assignment was serving in the capacity of Zone Leader in Luzon. He spent a few days touring the Orient visiting Japan, Hong Kong and Taiwan, before arriving home. Glenn now has the position of Sunday School Teacher of the 11 year old youth.

Fremont Ward now at the present time has six missionaries working in the Missionary field. The past five months a missionary a month has gone into the service of our Lord in the Missionary Field. Elder Gail McOmber has just

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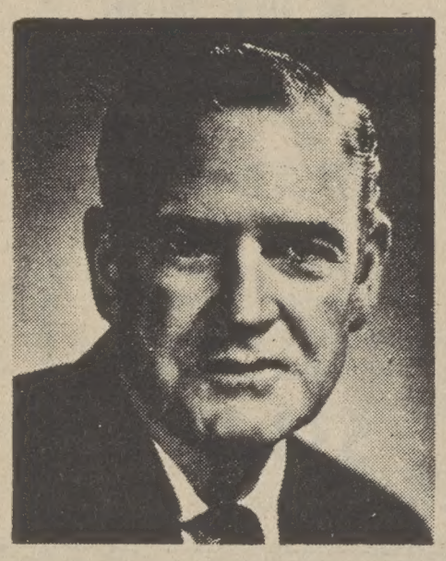

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Fremont

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recently arrived in the Italy Mission where he will labor in the mission field for two (2) years in the city of Rome, Italy. Elder McOmber has a strong testimony that the best way to get close to God is to read the Book of Mormon, study it, ponder the things therein and pray about them. In the Mission home prior to leaving for Rome, Elder McOmber found that in reading the gospel and finding out about truths eternal, it was very comforting to his soul.

Elder Dan Adams is in the Texas South Spanish Mission and Elder John Underhill is in the Texas North Spanish Mission. Elder Steven McKinley is in Sleaford serving in the England Central Mission field. According to Elder McKinley Sleafordians seem to be receptive to the Mormon Missionaries, as during the last year prior to Elder McKinley's arrival, there have been over 20 conversions made in that area. Elder McKinley and his companion presented the Book of Mormon to the Chairman of Sleaford Urban Council, Miss Grace Nowell. She shares this honor with President Nixon-the presentation being made by Mormon missionaries. Elder Gary Jeppson is in the mission field in Bellevue, Nebraska. Elder Greg Nelson has been laboring in the mission field at Thompson, Manitoba Canada. He reports that the work is going real good and that they had a couple of baptisms in the month of May 1970. He said plans are in the offing for a chapel to be built this coming summer.

Gail McOmber entered the Mission Home in Salt Lake City, October 10th. Here he spent eight weeks at the Brigham Young University Language School. He left Provo, Utah on the 15th of December to fly to Chicago and then to Rome, Italy. In September 1850 a branch was established in Florence, Italy, then the Mission Headquarters. At the present time thirty (30) missionaries are laboring in this mission field.

Gail is the third son, of a family of six boys and two girls, of Brother Adrian and Sister Grace McOmber of 1721 Horner Way, Fremont, California. As an Eagle Scout, Gail received the Gold Palm Award (replaces the Bronze Palm for 10 additional merit badges beyond the 21 required for Eagle rank) in May 1967. He is a Washington High Graduate, Class of 1968, and was a basketball participant.

Gail is the recipient of the Duty to God Award, Aronic Priesthood Awards, a June 1968 Seminary Graduate, has held offices in his Priesthood Quorums. He is a past assistant Scout Master and was a member of the 1968 Soft Ball Stake Championship Team, as well as a member of the 1969 Sr. M Men basketball Tournament on March 10th, 1969 in Salt Lake City. Gail also has been active in the M Men Gleander activities and has worked with the stake missionaries. He has attended San Jose State College for the past two years.

San Leandro

By Elizabeth W. Frye

Irene Felt was sustained as Cub Scout leader and Marie Spindler as Ward Speech Director.

John Avery, a recent convert to the church, received the Aaronic Priesthood at Sacrament services on February 7.

San Leandro Ward Junior Basket Ball Team won the Sportsmanship trophy. Dave Kracl accepted the trophy at Sacrament meeting on February 14. We are proud of our boys even though they did lose in the regional games. The fact that they went that far means a lot..

Our girls' Basket Ball Team also went on to the Stake Championship games but lost there. They did a fine job anyway.

Sister Ruby Callahan and Virginia Wakefield held a bridal shower at the Wakefield home on February 24, for Gloria Randall who will be married on March 13. She received many lovely and useful gifts.

Carol Landon and Steven D. Leopoldo were married in the San Leandro Ward Chapel on February 13, by Bishop Callahan. Carol is the daughter of Carl and Polly Landon and grand daughter of Dolly Grenier of Oakland Fourth Ward.

A lovely bridal shower was held at the home of Virginia Wakefield in January for Carol. The women had a lot of fun telling how they met their husbands.

A surprise baby shower for Sherrie Holmes was held at the home of Judy Pendley on March 2. Many nice gifts were received for the expected baby.

Sister Pam Avery is home after a brief stay in the hospital.

Hayward

Phyllis Lagerholm

January and February have been very active months for the ward. Since the chapel burned down, several money making projects have been successfully completed. Inventory was done at J.B. Dalton Bookstore in Southland, Sherwood Fabrics in Castro Valley, I. Magnin in San Francisco, and White Front on Hegenberger Road. If you have ideas for other building projects, the Elders Quorum Presidency would be delighted to know of additional ideas.

The Bishop has announced that as soon as land is found which is adequate for the ward's needs, the building can start. We will probably be attending meetings in the Castro Valley ward building for a couple years.

Evening Relief Society has started. Because of the Gold family moving to another area in Hayward, Pres. and Sis. McClellan have graciously opened their home to the sisters each Tuesday evening at 7:30.

The Talent Festival is being enthusiastically promoted. All sisters who are entering their baking goods in the festival were judged by Relief Society members at the Work Meeting, February 9th. The following cooks and their items were brought: Zell Boyce baked rolls and a small loaf with remaining dough, Zella DeVault baked a chocolate cake, Joyce Shumate baked cinnamon rolls, Gertrude Lesser baked a torte, Joan Dobson baked a casserole, Mozella Alger made pecan roll, Louise Borden baked sour dough bread, and Helen Morris baked a prune cake. All foods were delicious! They will all be entered in the Stake contest with their recipes. All other items (sewn articles, etc.) will be judged on March 9th at the next Work Meeting.

Carnations for Valentin's Day were sold by the Mia Maids this year. A Valentine's Dance was planned for the Hayward and two Castro Valley wards.

Our new full-time missionary in the ward is Elder Hintze. He's a "greenie" of five months. He was transferred to us from the Redwood City area.

An Adult Fireside has been scheduled by the Soward couple on February 21st. The Fireside will feature slides of Spain taken by Bro. and Sis. Hamblin on vacation.

Kay Robinson, who was introduced by the Max Roberts family before they moved to Chicago will be baptized February 21st by Bro. Roberts who is especially flying out for this very important occasion. Kay has waited for her parent's consent for a couple years now. Congratulations!

Hayward III

Vivian Rogers

This has been a busy month in the ward with lots of activities for all groups. The Relief Society sisters had a very interesting work day this month with a special visitor, an interior decorator who inspired us to do some thinking along original lines. He gave away as a special door prize a six-weeks interior decorating course which was won by Sis. Janice Campbell.

The MIA has been particularly busy with sports programs, social, etc. Monday, Feb. 15, 55 young people and leaders celebrated Washington's birthday by taking a trip to little Sweden to enjoy a fun day in the snow. Sis. Hall reports that they consumed 15 to 16 pounds of chili beans and ten gallons of root beer.

The Ward Young Marrieds group had a fun social "Olympic Night" complete with lots of fantastic games like the javelin (a paper straw) throw, the shot put (a balloon), etc. and cheering sections organized to root their team to victory.

The big events for the ward included special excitement over our ward taking the Regional Championship in the Unlimited Division of Church Basketball. After winning in the Stake Coach Gary Blacker took his team to the regions where they captured the title and one member of the team, Fred Murray, was voted Most Valuable Player. Team members included Dick Rawlings--ward athletic director, George Taylor, TED Jacobsen (our Bishop just doesn't give up!), Dennis Simpkins, John Isom, and two non-members: Jim Stubblefield and Rick Dopple. Bob Alsup also played with the team part of the year but was unable to complete the season.

The two older classes of girls celebrated their annual Daddy-Daughter Dinner in late January. The girls drew the decorations, and we hear reports that there are some very fine artists in the group.

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Fremont, Walnut Creek II To All Church Tourney

NOW, THAT'S A FAST BREAK--The Zone 3 championship game was a barn-burner from the opening tip-off. Fremont Ward forward Rich Winkel is a blur on the front end of a fast break as teammate Duane Martineau (31) jumps center against Brad Taylor (10) of Menlo Park Ward. Other identifiable players are (l. to r.) Marc Winkel (33) and Larry Cooper (15) of Fremont, and Richard Jacobsen (11) and Donald Baron (3) of Menlo Park.

In the annual Eastbay versus Westbay battle to determine basketball supremacy in Zone 3, the Eastbay had all the better of it.

Representing the zone in the All-Church tournament in Salt Lake City in March will be Fremont I Ward of Fremont Stake in the senior division, and Walnut Creek II Ward, Walnut Creek Stake, in the junior division.

Stanford II Ward defeated the University of California Ward to claim the zone championship in the college division, and went on to play the Zone 4 winner March 6 in an attempt to gain the trip to All-Church.

In the senior division, it was the same old story, as the Winkel brothers and their teammates handily squelched all opponents to earn the championship trophy and the trip to Salt Lake City for the fifth straight year.

The Fremont squad placed third in the All-Church tourney last year, despite the handicap of playing the final game without the services of two starters and the coach, Emerson Green.

Coach Green, speaking with the confidence of a habitual winner, expressed the conviction that his team would be shooting for a sixth straight zone title for Fremont Stake in 1972.

The junior and senior division championships were decided early in the contests, as Walnut Creek II breezed to a 76-54 victory over a shorter but very game Milpitas II Ward team, and Fremont I streaked to a 90-74 triumph over a never-say-die Menlo Park Ward quintet.

The college division finale was quite another story, as Stanford II needed a late rally to overcome a fighting effort by the Cal Ward squad; Stanford won out, 51-48. Stuart Candland connected for 19 for Cal.

High scorers in the zone senior game were Mac Winkel with 29 and Rich Winkel with 23 for Fremont I; Donald Baron had 21 and Burke Jackson 19 for Menlo Park.

In the junior championship contest, T. White netted 27 for Walnut Creek II and D. Bybee scored 19 for Milpitas.

FANS LEND VOCAL SUPPORT--The recreation hall of the Interstake Center in Oakland rocked with the cheers of fans rooting for their favorite teams during the region and zone playoffs.

BATTLE FOR THE BALL--Players from Fremont Ward and Menlo Park Ward battle for possession of the all-important ball during the battle to determine the Zone 3 representative in the senior division of the All-Church tournament.

Road To Top Is No Bed Of Roses

Story By
Gary Wood,
Sports Editor

Photos
By
Jerry Martin

Walnut Creek II Ward of Walnut Creek Stake surged to the top of the junior division of the Oakland-Walnut Creek Regional Basketball Tournament, and Fremont I Ward, Fremont Stake, won the fifth straight regional title for the stake, but the road was not paved with roses.

Competition was stiff at times, and the eventual victors knew they had been in a battle.

The Walnut Creek Stake entry downed Santa Rosa III Ward, of Santa Rosa Stake, 52-43, to earn the junior division trophy; and Fremont I defeated Vallejo II Ward of Napa Stake, 79-56, to win the senior division trophy.

Selected as most valuable player was Mac Winkel of Fremont I in the senior competition and F. Weber of Fairfield I Ward, Napa Stake, in the junior division.

In the area of sportsmanship, San Leandro I-II Ward won the prized trophy in the junior division, followed by Napa Ward of Napa Stake and by Fairfield Ward, Napa Stake.

In the senior division, Fremont I Ward captured the sportsmanship award to make it a clean sweep for that ward in the senior division. Second place team was Vallejo II Ward, and third place was Oakland I-III Ward, Oakland-Berkeley Stake.

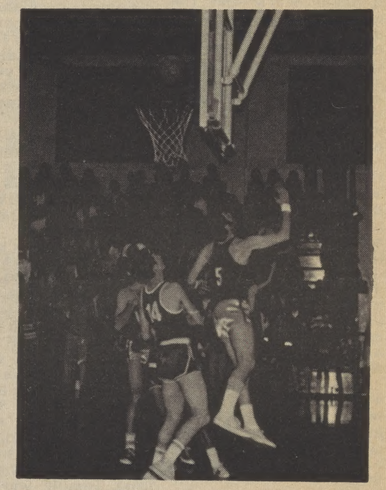
An added feature of the Eastbay Regional Tournament was an unlimited category, for wards which won stake competition among teams with "ineligible" players. Hayward III Ward, Hayward Stake, was victorious in all three categories, taking home the trophies for winning team, most valuable player and sportsmanship.

Would you believe there was stiff competition for the sportsmanship trophy in the unlimited division? Hayward III had 87½ points, Orinda Ward had 87, and Fremont III Ward had 83.

Other stake winners entered in the junior division of the tournament were: Newark Ward, Fremont Stake; San Lorenzo II Ward, San Leandro Stake; El Cerrito-Berkeley Ward, Oakland-Berkeley Stake; San Rafael Ward, Marin Stake; Pleasant Hill II Ward, Walnut Creek Stake.

Represented in the senior division of the Eastbay regional tourney were: San Lorenzo II Ward, San Leandro Stake; Concord I Ward, Concord Stake; Hayward II Ward, Hayward Stake; Santa Rosa II Ward, Santa Rosa Stake; Petaluma II Ward, Marin Stake; and Pleasant Hill I Ward, Walnut Creek Stake.

Teams in the unlimited division were: Vallejo I Ward, Napa Stake; Clayton Valley II Ward, Concord Stake; Oakland I-III Ward, Oakland-Berkeley Stake; Santa Rosa II Ward, Santa Rosa Stake; and Ygnacio Valley Ward, Concord Stake.



TWO MORE FOR THE WINNERS--Brad Magleby (5) was a busy man on the court for Walnut Creek II Ward in the zone championship contest. This photo shows him driving past Milpitas II Ward's George Montanard (14) to score a layup.

WALNUT CREEK II WARD JUNIORS WIN--The Walnut Creek II Ward junior team poses after claiming the Zone 3 championship trophy (front, l. to r.): Mike Edwards, Greg Curtis, Jeff Reynolds, Vance Allred, Bob Dunham; and (back row, l. to r.): Marty Allred, Matt Hilton, Scott Dunham, Terry White, Brad Magleby.

FIVE IN A ROW--Making Fremont Stake the Zone 3 winner in the senior division for the fifth straight year were (front, l. to r.): Larry Cooper, Rex Patterson, Rich Winkel, Doug Dethlefs, Mac Winkel; and (back row) John Miller, Ron Price, Dave Wilkins, Duane Martineau, Frank Trythall, Dan Evans, and Emerson Green, coach.

STANFORD WINS COLLEGE DIVISION--Victorious in the Zone 3 college division competition was Stanford II Ward, consisting of (l. to r.): B. Wadsworth, D. Glenn, F. Wooster, F. Nilson, C. Peterson, W. Miller, G. Ford.

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Hayward III

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The girls couldn't let those men get all the honors and so they took 1st place in the stake basketball race and also won the sportsmanship award for the stake. Girls on the team included: Captain Judy Jacobsen, Taffee McDonald, Kim Young, Sulaika Brown, Cheri Robison, Linda Susoev, and Claudia Mills. They were even able to con Cindy Robison into serving as scorekeeper on at least one occasion.

Balboa

By Bill Marquardt

Member's participation in projects has taken on increased importance this year in Balboa Ward of San Francisco Stake.

The Elders Quorum plans to issue ward directories later this month or early April to get more funds for Elders Quorum work and for contribution to the Stake missionary fund. According to Larry Wilson, Quorum President, the directories will be 5½x8½ in size, printed both sides, with lists of officers and names, addresses and phones of ward members.

The "Spring is Coming Up Party" scheduled for March 26 will consist of a musical revue, a talent nite and a ward dinner, according to Bishop Jerry Ostler.

Bishop Ostler said that more than 90 ward members have worked more than 880 man-hours in projects for which the ward received payment since the beginning of 1971.

He further stated that he was very happy with the response to his requests for participation. About 86 percent of the man-hours was for the Beverly Enterprises Convescelent Hospital work and the remainder for inventories at Macy's and the Emporium.

About 30 young married persons attended a party on February 13, which featured a progressive dinner followed by games.

Cheryl Minter, a convert, was baptized February 6th.

On March 23, the MIA will present a road show. Last year Balboa-Daily City won several road show awards, including best production, best costumes and best spirit.

Walnut Creek

WE LEARN WITH REGRET of the death of Ida M. PETERSEN, 62, former member of the ward and wife of Grant L. PETERSEN, former member of the Sunday School Superintendency, at San Jose, Tuesday, January 26. Grant and Ida moved from Roosmoor to a mobile home at San Jose several years ago. A native of Clinton, Utah she leaves her husband two daughters, Shirley J. TIDWELL of Santa Clara, Connie J. SQUIRES of San Jose, the brother George BEASLEY and 7 grandchildren.

HAPPY EVENT: Autumn STOUT was married to Bruce Frank at St. Mary's Chapel at St. Mary's College on the afternoon of Saturday, November 19. Autumn is the daughter of Rosalie STOUT and sister of Catherine Thomas and Leigh Anne STOUT. Rosalie STOUT can be identified as the production manager of the News Letter, Sunday program and other Ward Publications.

THANKS GO TO ALL the men, women, and teenagers - 100 strong or more - who participated in the inventory at Capwell's Saturday, January 16, headed by all the members of the bishopric and their wives. With other wards of the Stake we realized a comfortable sum that will come in handy when the remodeling, renovating, and expansion of the building and facilities begins later this year.

The Relief Society will appeal for volunteers for other inventory projects. It's nice to know that "the Mormons" have built up a good reputation for accuracy, industry, and good conduct over the years so that merchants seek us out to do this highly important work.

CONFIRMATIONS - Fast Sunday, January 3 were Douglas Gene CROWELL, by his father C. Gene CROWELL, Bryan Duane CRIMIN by his father, Duane CRIMIN; and Christine SPLAINE, daughter of Patricia Ruff SPLAINE, by Al UFFENS and Bishop Joseph W. BROWN.

DO YOU HAVE A TEMPLE RECOMMEND? If not, do what is necessary to obtain one. If you have one, plan to use it regularly. Ward Temple Days are the second Wednesday and Thursday of each month. This is a convenient occasion for doing Temple work with congenial companions and friends. Get up a ride group. Be the one to get things started. Perhaps your friends will welcome a nudge.

Oakland 3rd

This past month has brought news from some of our full time missionaries. Melissa Medizer reports success from England, Malepe Matagi from working with the Lamanites in North Dakota and Paul Taylor sends greetings and expresses his enthusiasm for his work in Brazil.

Hearts and flowers were exchanged this month with Doreen Couch being married to Richard Edwards. After a brief honeymoon they have returned to our ward to live. Hank Brown and Marilyn Lish are engaged and are planning a temple marriage in Oakland the middle fo June. Congratulations.

We are happy to welcome a new couple into our ward and into the church. Richard and Renee Stone were baptized and confirmed this past month due to the good missionary efforts of the full time Elders. We congratulate you and extend a hand of fellowship to you both.

The ward MIA Music Festival was a lovely affair with several of our young people participating. Jayne Pennock and Gail Ehorn played a piano duet, Wendy Petty played a piano solo along with others from the Oakland ward combined Mutuals. Delicious refreshments were served afterward. The following week the stake Music Festival was held in our chapel and everyone felt each participant had been outstanding.

This past month has taken its toll of our dear devoted ward members. Sister Roselle Jenkel, one of the older members of the ward, passed away at Fairmont Hospital after several weeks of a serious illness.. She is servived by her husband, Paul F. and a son and two daughters. She will be remembered as a very talented woman in the field of art and has contributed of her other talents as well through the years in this area.

Brother Edward C. Noble passed away on Feb. 16th after a recent illness. He is survived by his wife, Beryl, and his two daughters, Edna and Zella. He is also survived by four other brothers and one sister who reside in other areas of the Western States. Ed, as he was fondly called, was the custodian of the chapel on Temple Hill and took such pride and satisfaction in keeping the chapel and grounds in impeccable condition. He was a very willing worker in the temple, in the inventories and also sang in the ward choir. He was a devout and dedicated member of the Oakland Third Ward and was a friend to everyone. We shall all miss him and our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his wife and family.

Hayward II

By Lynette Maughan

February 19th marked an evening of good food, fun, and sightseeing in San Francisco's ChinaTown for those young men in the Aaronic Priesthood who last year earned their individual Aaronic Priesthood awards. We are proud of these young men and their accomplishments during the past year.

The evening was topped off by a visit to an authentic fortune cookie factory, where the boys were able to observe first hand the process by which the cookies are made.

The Lord has blessed two families in our ward this month with an addition to their family. Mel and Sue Stokes have a new baby boy and Gary and Eileen Green have a new baby girl. Congratulations.

We're proud our Senior Basketball team which won our Stake championship, and went on to represent the Stake in the Regional Basketball tournament. We're sorry to say their efforts there were not as rewarding as was the Stake Championship; they lost their first game to the fine Fremont Team.

The youth in our MIA enjoyed an evening of swimming at the nearby Hayward Plunge for this month's general activity. It proved beneficial to several of our boy scouts who were able to pass some of the Aquatic requirements toward achieving their several merit badges.

Concord Stake Young Artists Festival

Special hi-lite of the month for the Concord Stake was the MIA Young Artists Festival, held at the Concord Chapel on the evening of February 12th. Under the direction of the Music Department heads Betsy Hodson and Gwen Durrant, the many hours of polish and practice from each of the 11 ward participants was in evidence as was demonstrated in the skillful performance as they executed each number.

Winner of the evening was 13 year old, Justin Lowder, of Ygnacio Valley, whose performance has been taped and sent to Salt Lake for review by the General Board for a possible bid to the Festival in Salt Lake City at June Conference. Congratulations to him and all the performers whose talents and abilities were demonstrated in their classical musical numbers.

Performing were Jana Sheffield, piano; Bob Zenk, trumpet; Dixie Bridenstine, violin; Katherine Paulson, flute; Joni Blatter, piano; Sharon McCarthy, vocal; Wayne Holt, clarinet; Jeanne Butler, piano; Kevin Johnson and Donald Neves, Baritone and Trumpet; Stan Zenk, piano; Richard Sheperd, percussion; Steve Hood, Classical Guitar; Denise Saldiver, flute; Eileen Glenn and Connie Hunter, Violin; Carolyn Tueller, Steve Hunter, Ron Jensen, Stan Zenk, and Jim Evans, musical ensemble; David Porter, organ and Justin Lowder, piano.

An art exhibit was on display in the cultural hall and many artists from the stake displayed their special talent in this field. Refreshments were served to the capacity crowd in attendance with a special thanks to all for their presence and for the performers.

Publisher's Notebook

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Region is following suit with the same type of event scheduled at the same place on August 6, 7, and 8th. Also the youth are planning their own schedule (with adult supervision). It is heartwarming to read the minutes of their planning meeting with the following excerpt: "The meeting was conducted by Fred Wolf under the direction of God"...Sort of restores your faith in youth to see and hear these young people of the Church.

A CHURCH FIRST?

A unique situation exists in the recently reorganized Oakgrove Ward in the Concord Stake. The Bishopric consists of not one but three Bishops...which is somewhat different than the "unseen ward" where a literal descendant of Aaron may serve as Bishop without instance, Gerald Thompson is the Bishop and his is the Bishop and his counsellors, David Christensen and Jack Reading are both Bishops who previously served elsewhere.

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Concord Stake Girls Push Volleyball

If there is one stake with a sports-minded group of girls, it's Concord Stake.

While Ygnacio Valley Ward was winning basketball championships at the stake, region and zone levels, the rest of the girls in the stake were turning to volleyball.

Under the direction of Ruby Rossberg, stake YNNIA sports director, the girls participated in a successful volleyball clinic at College Park High School conducted by The Pipers, an outstanding team from San Francisco. A member of the Church, Sarah Saunders, is coach of The Pipers.

Putting the instruction into practice, the stake then conducted a Beehive Girls Stake Volleyball Tournament.

Clayton Valley Ward won the first place and sportsmanship awards, Martinez and Concord Wards tied for second place and Antioch Ward took fourth place.

Acting as officials were: Jan Rolden, Mindy Stanford, Robin Cline, Renee Proctor, Sheri Clark, Jeanne Reading, Pat Babcock and Mildred Bassett.

Golfers Invited To 12th Tourney

Golfers of the Bay Area are invited to participate in the monthly golf series sponsored by the stakes of the Eastbay.

The twelfth tournament in the series will take place Saturday, March 27, at the Bethel Island Golf Course on Bethel Island in Contra Costa County.

Tournament sponsor is Concord Stake, and golfers interested in playing should obtain entry forms from their ward or stake athletic director, or write to tournament chairman Bill Lloyd, P.O. Box 23343, Pleasant Hill.

Sports Action

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Ygnacio Valley Ward Girls Defeat San Jose 5th In Challenge Match

A first-ever zone girls' basketball championship tournament of sorts took place last month just as action was heating up in the men's competition.

Ygnacio Valley Ward of Concord Stake defeated San Jose Fifth Ward of San Jose Stake, 21-10, in a challenge contest, to become the unofficial girls basketball champions of Zone 3.

The San Jose team made a close contest of it in the first quarter, which ended 6-4 in favor of Ygnacio Valley. The San Jose team made a close contest of it in the first quarter, which ended 6-4 in favor of Ygnacio Valley. However, the Concord Stake team, led by captain Challis, outscored San Jose Fifth, 8-0, in the second quarter to gain a comfortable lead which held up.

Other Ygnacio Valley players were: Chris Warner, Beth Knight, Michelle Mortenson, Pat Hutchinson, Colleen Yazzie, Gay Lee Beck, Nancy Evans, Adrienne Matthews and Debbie Hulme. Coach was Marge Kayser.

San Jose Fifth Ward players were: Susan Wood, Barbie Wood, Cathy Nugart, Carol Bustrom, Lynette Prince, Linda Cassidy, Sheila Hendricks, Melinda Clawson, Marcia Shaw and Brenda Clawson.

Regional sports directors who conduct sports activities for YMMIA girls are Trieste Hall, Eastbay; and Gracie Booth, Westbay.

Following competition in the Eastbay Region prior to the zone contest, several players and teams received awards for their performances.

Ygnacio Valley Ward received the championship award, Hayward II Ward of Hayward Stake won the sportsmanship award, Pamela Ramos was voted "outstanding player", and two girls tied for the high scorer award with 72 points--Colleen Challis and Chris Warner.

Sports Leaders Plan Ahead

By Gary Wood
Sports Editor

The Church Athletic Committee's experiment with making volleyball a fall sport churchwide lasted one year.

The committee decided to intitate the trial because of scheduling difficulties associated with conducting the All-Church volleyball tournament in the late spring, in between basketball and softball competition.

However, the problems connected with holding volleyball competition in the fall prior to basketball proved even more prohibitive.

As a result, there will be no church volleyball during 1971, and competition in the sport will resume following basketball in the spring of 1972.

Ward athletic directors should be alert to the fact that fees for softball are due in the hands of the stake athletic directors early in May. The money is then due to the region directors by mid-May.

Early payment of fees by the stakes is the prime factor in determining which stakes are invited to send a second team to region competition when such slots are open.

Region softball play will begin at the end of July again this season, zone competition will be Aug. 12-15 and All-Church is set for 22-27.

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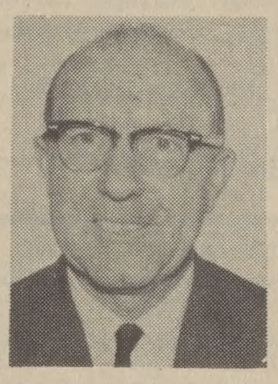

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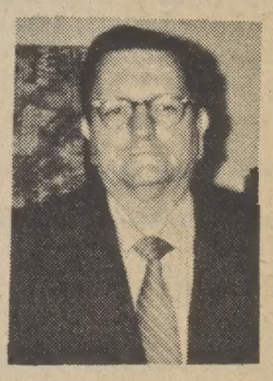

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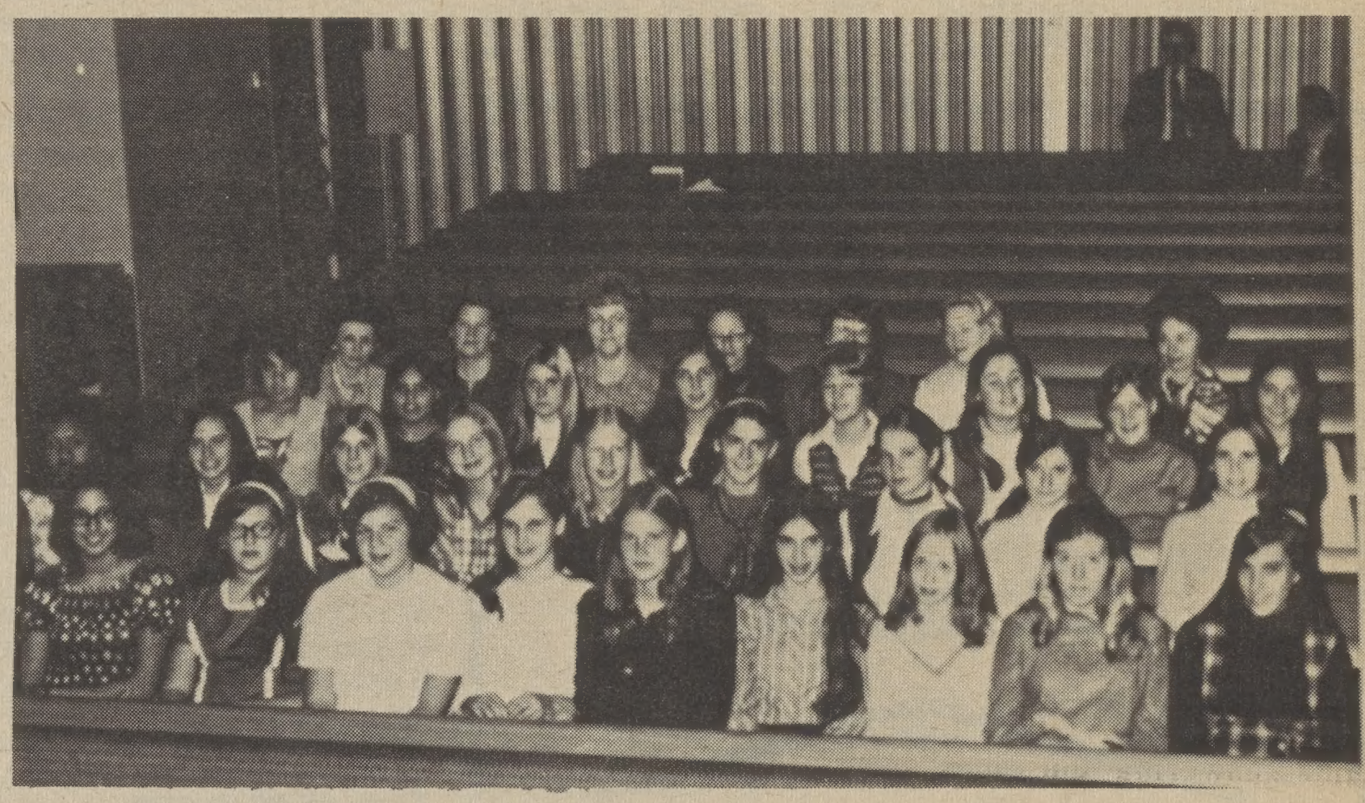

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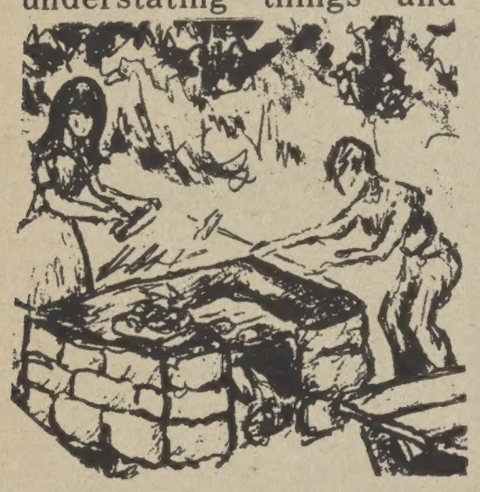
While the Christian Church, like the comic-strip character Schroeder, has been proclaiming "Christ is the Answer!" the rest of the world, like Snoopy, has been responding with a yawn, "What is the Question?" Indeed, getting the message of Christ across these days is not a simple thing. It requires psychology and imagination to provoke curiousity about religion, and, more particularly, Mormonism.

Some imaginative talking has been going on in San Leandro Stake these days. What is proposed is a new missionary approach...new, that is, in San Leandro Stake. Actually, it is an old protestant revivalist technique: A series of free lectures, open to the general public, advertised in all newspapers and on radio, explaining what Mormonism is all about and answering questions.

One argument heard against it, often raised by the very man who proposed it, James F. Webb, is that it is too much like selling used cars. Jim, of course, favors the idea, but wonders if people like religion served up so crassly. Mormons, as a rule, like to do things in a more sophisticated, understated way. But there is a thin line between merely understating things and



not stating them at all.

Richard King, local LDS attorney and entertainer, who is also presently serving as a fund-raising chairman for the Billy Graham Crusade, says many gentiles have a tough time finding out anything at all about the Mormon Church. If a missionary doesn't knock, the Gospel remains a deep secret.

What the Mormon Church may need is its own Billy Graham-style campaign. According to King, Graham is spending several million dollars on publicity alone to promote his week-long Crusade for Christ, which will be held this summer in the Oakland Coliseum. Graham, a professional missionary, capitalizes on the human craving for pageantry to arouse public interest in Christ's message.

Professionalism in presenting the Church's message is so thirsted after that even Mormons love it as a refreshing change from the usual diet of dull speakers. When the Temple Pageant was produced last Summer, ostensibly as a missionary tool, so many members grabbed up the tickets that very few remained for investigators. Perhaps the Pageant brought in few converts, but it sure boosted the faith of the members.

In C.S. Lewis' "The Screwtape Letters," the author has Screwtape, a senior devil, advising Wormwood, a junior devil, that one way to errode the strength of the Christian Church is to encourage its members to make the church fashionable, trendy, up-to-date. "The horror of the same old thing," he says, "is..an endless source of heresies in religion, folly in counsel, infidelity in marriage, and inconstancy in friendship."

This may be true. But maybe it isn't. Maybe what Christianity needs is newness...something novel to stir the popular imagination. Maybe what Christianity needs is to be always creative, forever taking on new shapes and new ways of expression in order to keep it fresh, if not in the essential message itself, then perhaps in the way it goes about getting the message across to an apathetic world.

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Golden Gate Saints

History Of The Church In Northern California....Part 14

If we consider that a gate swings both ways, then Mormons of the Pacific Islands would be classed as Golden Gate Saints. From this viewpoint, Sam Brannan's colonists---who visited the islands of Juan Fernandez and the Sandwich group before sailing for San Francisco Bay---weren't really the first ones. The distinction must go to four intrepid missionaries who originally brought the gospel to the South Seas. They were called on this mission almost three years before Sam Brannan's colony set sail in the "Brooklyn."

The story of this pioneer missionary expedition is a strange and inspiring one. And of the four young men who started out, only one returned to meet the Saints in Utah.

"Reflections--I believe the weight of sand was sufficient to sink him below the reach of all ravenous fish, and the salt at that depth strong enough to preserve him from putrefaction, and there he will remain entire and unmolested till the morn of the first resurrection, then he will come forth."

The voyage on the whaler "Timoleon" continued with clear skies and fair winds, a passage so pleasant that "The officers say it is the most remarkable one they ever knew, and they frankly give it as their opinion, that it is in answer to the prayers of the Mormons they have on board."

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On Thursday, 11 May 1843, Brigham Young, Herber C. Kimball, Parley P. Pratt, Orson Pratt, Orson Hyde, Wilford Woodruff, George A. Smith, John Taylor and Willard Richards of the Quorum of the Twelve assembled in the council room above Joseph Smith's brick store at Nauvoo, "and voted---That Addison Pratt, Noah Rogers, Benjamin F. Grouard and Knowlton F. Hanks go on a mission to the Pacific Isles."

They were blessed and set apart as swift messengers to the nations of the earth, to have power over the elements, and not fear when tempests arise; to discern between good and evil, be filled with the power of God, have faith to heal the sick, cast out devils, and cause the lame to walk; and to have the heavens opened. Pratt and Grouard were ordained Seventies before leaving, Rogers already being one. Hanks remained an Elder, and his promises were less; he was a very sick man.

Writing graphic letters to the "Times and Seasons" at Nauvoo, the missionaries told of their travels and adventures. In his epistle aboard "Ship Timeoleon, North Atlantic Ocean," Addison Pratt told of the state of Knowlton Hanks' health: "the reason I never wrote you the particulars was because he did not wish to have his friends know the worst." Pratt "kept a bed vessel with some fresh water in it, and what he raised from his lungs would sink in it like lumps of clay." But Hanks was determined to go on his mission.

The first few days at sea were stormy; Hanks stayed in his berth. But when the sun came out he went on deck, and there was hope the voyage might cure him. Before many days he was bedfast, however, and his companions "divided the night into watches of 3 hours each."

During the night of November 2 he sank very low, and next day had two dreams of being in the spirit world, and of being expected there. That night, "As I thought it my last opportunity with him," Pratt wrote, "I sat up about 6 hours, I then called Brother Rogers, I laid down and in about 2 hours he called me and said he is dying."

The body was "dressed in a neat burial robe, we wrapt it in a large winding sheet and carried it on

deck; a plank was laid in the starboard gangway, on it was prepared a piece of canvass, in this we laid it and sewed it up: to his feet was attached a bag of sand of about 60 pounds weight. Then the topgallant sails were furled, the courses hauled up, and the main and mizzen topsails were hove aback, the noble ship stopped her headway, and lay in gentle motion, as if to witness the solemn scene. The American flag was hoisted halfmast as a signal that one of her noble countrymen had gone the way of all the earth. Then her generous crew gathered around and with uncovered heads listened in breathless silence to a very appropriate prayer made by Brother Rogers then they gently raised the end of the plank till the corpse slid off and struck in the water feet foremost. My eyes followed him as he sank till a white speck vanished in the blue waters below. . .

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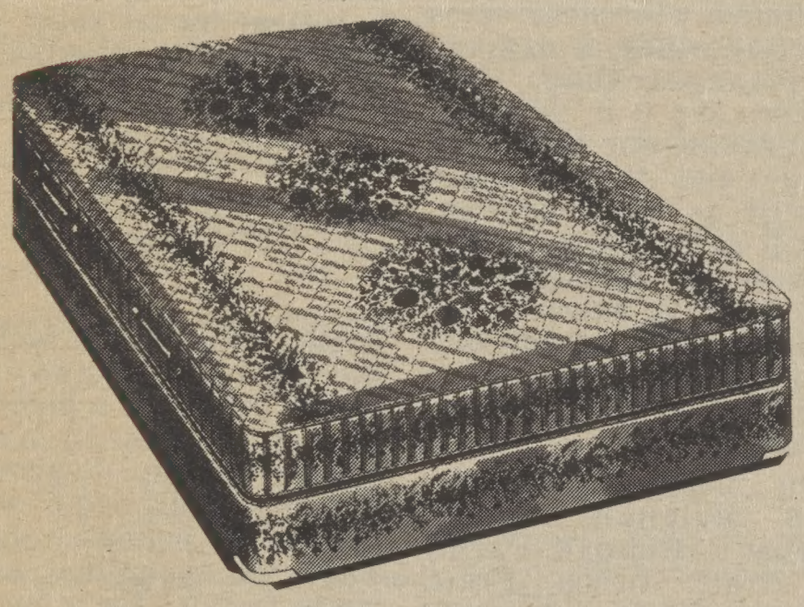

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